

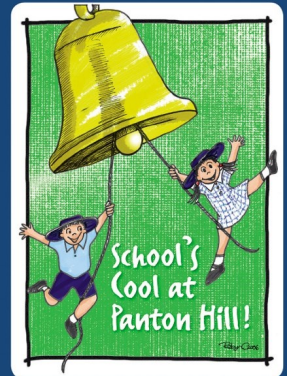


*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th October, 2024

Term 4: Week 1



DIARY DATES

Monday 14th October

Swimming Prep—Grd 1

Bike Educ. Grd 5-6

Tuesday 15th October

Swimming Prep—Grd 1

Thursday 17th October

Swimming Prep—Grd 1

Friday 18th October

Swimming Prep—Grd 1

Interschool sport PHvStA

Monday 21st October

Lifesaving Victoria incur-
sion Grd 3-6

Bike Education Grd 5-6

Friday 25th October

Soccer Day Grd 5-6—KG

Monday 28th October

School Council 7pm

Finance & Fundraising

Bike Education Grd 5-6

Wednesday 30th Oct.

Grd 6 Leadership Day

Thursday 31st October

Parent camp meeting

6pm—6.30pm

Bike Education Grd 5-6

Friday 1st November

Prep Transition

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Four at PHPS! I hope that everyone has had a great break and come back to school refreshed and ready for a very busy term. Our lovely old main building has certainly received some attention over the holidays in the form of internal painting and is looking very bright, fresh and clean. In the process of moving all of the furniture in preparation for the painting it was a good opportunity to do a timely clean out and reorganise. Thankyou to our amazing staff who came in over the last week of their holidays to reinstate the furniture and get some order back into their rooms ready for the students to return. The senior rooms and prep rooms will be painted over the next holidays as well as the exterior of the school. We will be continuing to reinstate displays, pictures etc. over the next week or so.

Term Four is always a mix of excitement, busyness, planning for the next year and celebration of achievements from this year and for our Grade 6's celebration of their past seven years. We are really pleased to be welcoming Miss Shae to PHPS to join in the madness of this term and assist in leadership at this busy time. Miss Shae comes to us with much experience in both primary and secondary education and has come most recently from Preston High School. In fact, rather than me speak on her behalf, it makes sense for Shae to introduce herself.

Thank you to all of you in the Panton Hill Primary School community for making me feel so welcome during my first week of being an Assistant Principal at Panton Hill Primary School. I will be here for all of Term 4 and I'm really looking forward to immersing myself in the community and getting to know you all. Since 2019 I have been involved in opening and establishing a new high school in Preston and it has grown to over 1100 students. I am really enjoying being back in a Primary School and I am loving the caring community of Panton Hill.

When I'm not being an Assistant Principal (and sometimes when I am) I really enjoy birdwatching, spending time in nature and playing with LEGO.

*If you see me in the yard,
please come and say hi.*

**Value Award Winners
Congratulations to:**



**Penny Deering, Harvey Harris
& Monty Weeding**

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS



We are really pleased to be welcoming Whittlesea Music to PHPS to provide instrumental music lessons. Lessons are available for all students Prep-6 and will be held on Fridays. If you are interested in enrolling in lessons, there is an enrolment form on their website— www.whittleseamusic.com.au/enrolment

CALENDAR AND PAYMENTS



As mentioned this is a very busy term with many special events and activities. The calendar on Xuno will be your best friend for checking dates etc. Please also be sure to check what permissions and payments are due for upcoming events. We understand that some families may be experiencing financial difficulty so please do not hesitate to contact the office to discuss possible support options including payment plans.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

We will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

All of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the [Better Health Channel](#) website.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online and on social media. You can help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. You can explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules and boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your children the knowledge to make sound decisions online and confidence to ask for help when they need it. It is also important to stay informed about online safety.

The Department of Education recognises this important issue and has developed fact sheets about supports to help keep students safe online and what to do if they are involved in an online incident.

The fact sheets contain links to evidence-based information on supporting positive and safe online experiences, signs a child or young person might need support, what to do if something unsafe happens online, and where to reach out to for more support.


To access the fact sheets, refer to the [Safe Socials webpage](#). The fact sheets are available in 19 community languages.

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The government is also launching public consultation on age limits for social media.

You and your children can share your experiences to inform proposed changes via an online survey, before 5 pm on Friday 1 November 2024. For more information on the survey and to take part, refer to [Proposed changes to social media age limits](#) on the Engage Victoria website. If you have any queries about this information, you can contact the department by email: bullystoppers@education.vic.gov.au


Book Club

Please order and pay for your books online at
<http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Scholastic Bookclub - please order online

If you have any queries about registering or using their ordering system please contact Book Club Help on 1800 021 233 or the school office. The closing date for orders is: **28th October**.

Orders for this issue must be placed and paid for online by:

Please note that books will be available for pick up from the school approx. 1 week later

School
Reminder

Pupil Free Day on
Monday 4th November

Save \$400
on school uniforms,
textbooks and
activities

Parents and carers
of Victorian school-aged children
will receive the one-off
School Saving Bonus

Find out more



 Department of Education

2024 School Council Members

POSITION		
President		Abbey Baines
Vice President		Aaron Cody
Secretary		Anne Howard
Treasurer		David Shaw

SUB COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	MEETING TIMES
Building & Grounds	Kylie Richards, Marc Lemire, Beth Borthwick and Deanne Cahir	Monday morning prior to SC meeting at 8am
Finance & Fundraising	Kylie Richards, Megan King, David Shaw, Abbey Baines, Bianca McGuirk, Amy Ord, and Leanne Cleary	6:30pm prior to SC Meeting
Curriculum & Review	Anne Howard, Kylie Richards, Steph Brindley, Justine Puls-Welsh	As required

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Aussie Bird Count!

Some Panton Hill Primary students will be participating in the Aussie Bird Count next week. Students will head over to Bunjil Reserve and count all birds that they can see within a 20 minute window. The Aussie Bird Count is one of Australia's biggest citizen science projects and last year over 60,000 people counted over 3.5 million birds! We can't wait to get involved this year and see what birds we can record in Bunjil Reserve!



AUSSIE BIRD COUNT

14–20 October 2024

Join one of Australia's biggest citizen science events by counting and recording the birds you see in the free Aussie Bird Count app.

It's a great way to get outdoors and get to know your local birds, while helping BirdLife Australia collect information about the birds around us.



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aussiebirdcount.org.au



HOW TO ENROL

Go to our website:
www.whittleseamusic.com/enrolment/

Complete the online enrolment form, ensuring you choose the correct campus, preferred lesson duration and preference of instrument.

We will then be in touch between 12-5 Monday to Friday with enrolment confirmation and to chat about your child/children's needs.



WWW.WHITTLESEAMUSIC.COM
Contact on 0439 913 302



Important Dates

Term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term One	Monday 29th Jan—Teachers Tuesday 30th Jan—Students	Thursday 28th March (2:30pm)
Term Two	Monday 15th April	Friday 28th June (2:30pm)
Term Three	Monday 15th July	Friday 20th Sep (2:30pm)
Term Four	Monday 7th October	Friday 20th Dec—(1:30pm after assembly)

Public Holidays

Term One	Labour Day	Monday 11th March
Term One	Good Friday	Friday 29th March
Term Two	ANZAC Day	Thursday 25th April
Term Two	King's Birthday	Monday 10th June
Term Four	Melbourne Cup	Tuesday 5th November

Pupil Free Days

Term One	Curriculum Day	Monday 29th January
Term One	Curriculum Day	Friday 8th March
Term Two	Curriculum Day	Friday 26th April
Term Three	Pupil Free Day (3 way conf.)	Wednesday 24th July
Term Three	Professional Practice/Planning Day	Thursday 19th September
Term Four	Curriculum Day	Monday 4th November

Other

Term 2	School Photos	Tuesday 23rd April
Term Four	Grade 3-6 Camp	Monday 25th November—Wednesday 27th November
Term Four	Graduation	Monday 16th December
Term Four	School Concert	Tuesday 3rd December

Please refer to our Xuno calendar for additional school event dates throughout the terms.

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 Greensborough, Vic. 3088
 Tel: 03 9435 8282
 Email: info@dvsupport.org.au
 Web: www.dvsupport.org.au

To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of some important changes to the Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) program, formerly known as KidsAssist, which your school has utilized in the past to assist students and families.

We are excited to announce that the program has been rebranded as the **YES Program** (Youth Education Support), reflecting our new focus. Moving forward, the YES Program will no longer fund educational fees, including voluntary/non-voluntary fees, Steiner fees, or stationery packs. Instead, we will be concentrating on supporting students through:

- Uniforms
- Textbooks
- Camps and excursions
- Extracurricular activities

To ensure that the program reaches the families who need it most, we ask that schools refer families who meet the following eligibility criteria:

Eligibility:

- The child resides in or attends a school in our zoned area of Nillumbik or Banyule.
- The parent/guardian presents to our office in person.
- The parent/guardian provides an invoice or screenshot of the item(s) they are requesting coverage for.
- Be in financial hardship.

We value the partnership with your school and look forward to continuing our work together to support students in need. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us on 03 9435 8282.

Sincerely,



Emma Harvey
 Emergency Relief Coordinator
 (03) 9435 8282
 emma.harvey@dvsupport.org.au



Children's Mini Food Fair
 Educational fun for Children's Week!

Come along and learn about worm farms, composting, seed planting, vegetable pickling and much more.

Grab a healthy lunch from one of the local food vendors, enjoy a tour of Edendale Farm, and learn about healthy eating.

Date Sunday 20 October
 Time 10.30am-1.30pm
 Location Edendale Community Environment Farm, Gastons Rd, Eltham



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